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SUBJ: SIHANOUK BEGINS UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO ROMANIA

- 1. SIHANOUK ARRIVED IN BUCHAREST JUNE 22 WITH A LARGE ENTOURAGE TO BEGIN AN "UNOFFICIAL VISIT" TO ROMANIA. AT DINNER HOSTED THAT EVENING BY CEAUSESCU, SIHANOUK SAID THAT US HAD REJECTED HIS OFFER OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH US "ALONG THE LINES OF THE WASHINGTON- HANOI NEGOTIATIONS" AND ATTACKED US UNWILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH HIM. FOLLOWING ARE SIHANOUK'S REPORTED REMARKS ON SUBJECT WHICH APPEAR TO PARALLEL CLOSELY SIMILAR PRONOUNCEMENTS MADE EARLIER ON CURRENT TRIP:
- 2. SIHANOUK SAID "MY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY PROPOSED TO THE USG THAT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE ALONG THE LINES OF THE WASHINGTON- HANOI NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO END IN AN HONORABLE WAY THE PRESENT WAR IN CAMBODIA WITHOUT HAVING A VICTOR AND A VANQUISHED." IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PORTION OF SIHANOUK'S REMARKS WAS SUMMARIZED FOR SOME REASON RATHER THAN QUOTED DIRECTLY, INDICATING THAT GDUSG HAD OPPOSED THIS PROPOSAL WITH A CATEGORIC AND DEFINITE REFUSAL, REPEATING THAT WE MUST NEGOTIATE PEACE WITH THE TRAITEROUS PUPPET CLIQUE OF LON NOL AND DO THIS WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERVENTION."

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3. IN HIS TOAST, CEAUSESCU DEMONSTRATED SOLIDARITY BY
ENUNCIATING HIS " HOPE THAT THE US WILL DRAW THE APPROPRIATE
CONCLUSIONS AND ALSO CEASE BOMBING IN CAMBODIA, TO END THEIR
INTERFERENCE, AND TO LET THE KHMER PEOPLE RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS
WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION."
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